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Niagara Community Design Awards

This annual recognition of new projects with exceptional qualities in the Niagara region is a joint effort of the NSA and the Regional Municipality of Niagara. For ten years, the NSA has directly sponsored the 'Architecture' award which, like the seven other award categories, is adjudicated by architectural peers and other experts in related fields. The NSA allocated additional funding from the OAA to a second award category. The Niagara Community Design Awards event is the largest annual gathering of politicians, design professionals, clients, contractors and government staff relating to construction in the Niagara region and is, similarly, our best local public exposure as architects.

Mid-Century Modern – A Niagara Retrospective

Our 'Mid-Century Modern' project is slowly taking shape as an online catalogue of noteworthy modernist buildings in the Niagara region. The NSA identified a list of 28 buildings to be researched by a student from the Willowbank School of Architectural Restoration - currently under review.

Procurement Policy Development

Recently the Niagara Construction Association launched a public awareness campaign initiated by the exclusion of all qualified Niagara-based General Contractors from a short list of pre-qualified GCs. NSA issued a press-release in support NCA's front-page article that became an published article the following week. We continue to highlight the unfair implementation of the Public Sector Procurement Guidelines by many of our local institutions and are developing a document intended to be an example of a fair RFP evaluation criteria that does not have unnecessary exclusionary requirements that only very large General Contractors and Architectural Firms can satisfy. Continued concerned about provisions observed in many recent RFQ/Ps, NSA continues to challenge the various Purchasing Agents' interpretation of the *2011 Province of Ontario Broader Public Sector Procurement Directive* regarding 'fairness' and 'transparency'

Website

We are continuing with the redevelopment of the NSA website to include a 'genealogy' of Niagara Architectural firms.

Continuing Education

Representative of NSA attended a presentation by one of the authors of the *2011 Province of Ontario Broader Public Sector Procurement Directive* to learn more about it's intended application and implementation, and how the reality is different.

Touring

N/A

Student Bursary

NSA has received four submissions to our \$1,000 sponsorship a student of architecture – review of the application is continuing.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg A. Redden". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Greg A. Redden, OAA, LEED AP
Chair (acting)
Niagara Society of Architects